CEREMONIAL FETE FOR ITALIAN PHYSICIAN

Dr. Sparta, Recently Licensed, Is Honored by Officials and Professional Men

Two hundred and twenty-five friends of Dr. Anthony J. Sparta, M. D., gathered at the Hotel Easton Tuesday evening to join in a testimonial dinner, given in honor of his recent licensing by the state board as a practicing physician in Easton. Dr. Sparta is one of the numerous young people of Italian parentage in Easton to enter the professions recently and his friends paid him high tribute. He was born in S. Stefano di Camastra, Italy, on May 11, 1901, and when a small boy came to Easton with his parents. He attended the public schools there and was graduated from Easton High school in 1918 and from Lafayette college in 1923. He was graduated from the University of Maryland with the degree of M. D. in 1927 and served a year as interne in the Easton hospital.

An excellent menu was served and between courses Miss Nancy D'Innocenza entertained with a number of vocal selections, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Mary Gazzano.

Dr. L. H. Cericola acted as toastmaster and introduced the speakers. Dr. F. C. Roberts, head of the medical staff of the Easton hospital paid tribute to the young physician from the medical angle. Mayor S. S. Horn extended the greetings of the city officials and complimented the young physician and the Italian citizenry for the progressiveness they have shown in Easton. Major W. R. Coyle, of Bethlehem, made a graceful speech, extending congratulations and showing how the Italian people of this community are developing by securing educations and entering various professions. Congratulatory remarks were also made by John Labate, Antonio Griffo, Miss Angelina Mata, Eugene I. Augello, Anthony Zaffiro, Francesco Armao, Joseph Corriere, G. Todaro, of Philadelphia, and Salvatore Todaro, chairman of the banquet committee, who presented Dr. Sparta with a handsome wrist watch. Dr. Sparta was then called on and responded to the compliments very gracefully and thanked his friends for their gift.